

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A caddy for supporting a weapon, the caddy comprising:
a mounting bracket structured and arranged for mounting on a support structure;
a base member slidably mounted on the mounting bracket; and
a cradle member mounted on the base member and structured and arranged for supporting the weapon.
2. The caddy of Claim 1, wherein the base member is slidable between a retracted position adjacent to the mounting bracket and an extended position away from the mounting bracket.
3. The caddy of Claim 2, wherein the base member is slidable in a substantially horizontal direction when the mounting bracket is mounted on the support structure.
4. The caddy of Claim 1, wherein the base member comprises a slot and the mounting bracket comprises a bolt extending through the slot and movable along the slot.
5. The caddy of Claim 4, wherein the base member is pivotable around the bolt.
6. The caddy of Claim 1, wherein the base member is rotatably mounted on the mounting bracket.
7. The caddy of Claim 6, wherein the base member is rotatable around a substantially vertical axis when the mounting bracket is mounted on the support structure.
8. The caddy of Claim 1, wherein the cradle member is slidably mounted on the base member.
9. The caddy of Claim 8, wherein the cradle member is slidable in a substantially vertical direction when the mounting bracket is mounted on the support structure.
10. The caddy of Claim 9, wherein the cradle member contains a hollow section that slides over a substantially vertical section of the base member and allows the cradle member to telescope on the substantially vertical section of the base member.
11. The caddy of Claim 1, wherein the cradle member is generally U-shaped.
12. The caddy of Claim 1, wherein the cradle member comprises an elastic liner.

13. The caddy of Claim 1, further comprising a strap on the cradle member for securing the weapon.

14. The caddy of Claim 13, wherein the strap is detachable.

15. The caddy of Claim 13, wherein the strap comprises an elastic material.

16. The caddy of Claim 13, wherein the strap comprises holes for receiving pegs extending from the cradle member.

17. The caddy of Claim 1, further comprising a mechanical fastener for mounting the mounting bracket onto the support structure.

18. The caddy of Claim 1, wherein the support structure comprises a tree stand.

19. A caddy for supporting a weapon, the caddy comprising:
a mounting bracket structured and arranged for mounting on a support structure;
a base member rotatably mounted on the mounting bracket; and
a cradle member mounted on the base member and structured and arranged for supporting the weapon.

20. The caddy of Claim 19, wherein the base member is rotatable around a substantially vertical axis when the mounting bracket is mounted on the support structure.

21. The caddy of Claim 19, wherein the base member is slidably mounted on the mounting bracket.

22. The caddy of Claim 21, wherein the base member is slidable between a retracted position adjacent to the mounting bracket and an extended position away from the mounting bracket.

23. The caddy of Claim 22, wherein the base member is slidable in a substantially horizontal direction when the mounting bracket is mounted on the support structure.

24. The caddy of Claim 21, wherein the cradle member is slidably mounted on the base member.

25. The caddy of Claim 24, wherein the cradle member is slidable in a substantially vertical direction when the mounting bracket is mounted on the support structure.

26. The caddy of Claim 19, wherein the support structure comprises a tree stand.

27. A caddy for supporting a weapon, the caddy comprising:

a mounting bracket structured and arranged for mounting on a support structure;

a cradle member mounted on the mounting bracket and structured and arranged for supporting the weapon; and

an elastic strap for securing the weapon onto the cradle member.

28. The caddy of Claim 27, wherein the strap is detachable.

29. The caddy of Claim 27, wherein the strap comprises holes for receiving pegs extending from the cradle member.

30. The caddy of Claim 27, wherein the cradle member is generally U-shaped.

31. The caddy of Claim 27, wherein the cradle member comprises a liner.

32. The caddy of Claim 31, wherein the liner comprises an elastic material.

33. The caddy of Claim 29, wherein the pegs downwardly protrude from the cradle member.

34. The caddy of Claim 27, wherein the support structure comprises a tree stand.

35. A hunting apparatus comprising:

a support structure; and

at least one caddy for supporting a weapon mounted on the support structure, wherein the at least one caddy is movable to a retracted position toward the support structure and an extended position away from the support structure.

36. The hunting apparatus of Claim 35, wherein the support structure comprises a tree stand.

37. The hunting apparatus of Claim 35, wherein the at least one caddy comprises:

a mounting bracket mounted on the support structure;

a base member mounted on the mounting bracket; and

a cradle member mounted on the base member and structured and arranged for supporting the weapon.

38. The hunting apparatus of Claim 37, further comprising a mechanical fastener for mounting the mounting bracket onto the support structure.

39. The hunting apparatus of Claim 38, wherein the mechanical fastener comprises a bolt extending through a hole in the mounting bracket and a nut threaded on the bolt.

40. The hunting apparatus of Claim 37, wherein the mounting bracket is welded on the support structure.

41. The hunting apparatus of Claim 37, wherein the mounting bracket is rotatably mounted on the support structure.

42. The hunting apparatus of Claim 37, wherein the base member is slidably mounted on the mounting bracket.

43. The hunting apparatus of Claim 37, wherein the base member is rotatably mounted on the mounting bracket.

44. The hunting apparatus of Claim 37, wherein the cradle member is slidably mounted on the base member.

45. The hunting apparatus of Claim 37, further comprising an elastic strap on the cradle member for securing the weapon.